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SUBJ: ANTI-US ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING ATTEMPTED COUP

SUMMARY: THREE DAYS SINCE COUP ATTEMPT HAVE BROUGHT
MANIFESTATIONS ONLY FROM STUDENTS IN IBADAN ENVIRONS, AND
WITHOUT KNOWN DAMAGE AMCITS OR US PROPERTY. POLICE
PROTECTION HAS BEEN ADEQUATE. MAJORITY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS CONSIDER CIA INVOLVEMENT ABORTIVE COUP AND
HEAD OF STATE DEATH BEYOND DOUBT. ANTIAMERICAN FEELING
AT HIGH ENOUGH PITCH FOR AMCITS TO AVOID JOURNEYS
NEAR CAMPUSES OR DONWTOWN, AND CONSULATE/USIS PERSONNEL
BEING CIRCUMSPECT RE TRAVEL AWAY FROM THEIR RESIDENCES.
END SUMMARY

1. ANTI-US MANIFESTATIONS FOLLOWING ATTEMPTED COUP AND
MOHAMMED'S DEATH CONFINED ENTIRELY TO STUDENTS UNIVERSITY
IBADAN AND IBADAN POLYTECHNIC. NO AMERICANS OR US
PROPERTY KNOWN TO BE DAMAGED.
POLICE PROTECTION HAS BEEN TIMELY AND ADEQUATE, ALTHOUGH
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POLICE INTELLIGENCE RE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS CONTINUES

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2. AT 0930 AM MORNING FEB 14, CONOFF RECEIVED WARNING FROM FRIENDLY SOURCE UNIBADAN CAMPUS THAT STUDENTS WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST CIA INVOLVEMENT NIGERIAN COUP ATTEMPT AND WERE BOARDING BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ALERTED, CONSULATE AND USIS EVACUATED AND SHUTTERED. POLICE ARRIVED MINUTES BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS AND CONVINCED THEM NOBODY PRESENT TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST. AMCITS ADVISED VIA WARDENS REMAIN AT HOME. DEMONSTRATION PETERED OUT SHORTLY AFTER NOON WITH NO DAMAGE AMCITS OR PROPERTY. SIGN TORN DOWN FROM SMALL ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION OFFICE ON UNIBADAN CAMPUS. REPORT RECEIVED THAT WHITE PERSON, POSSIBLE AMERICAN BEATEN BY STUDENTS ON UNIBADAN CAMPUS. INVESTIGATION INDICATES THIS EXAGGERATION OF INCIDENT IN WHICH SOVIET U.N. EMPLOYEE, VIKTOR DOROFEEV, AND WIFE HARRASSED BUT NOT BEATEN BY STUDENTS WHEN THEY WERE UNABLE PRODUCE PASSPORTS. WE ARE RECEIVING IN ADDITION A NUMBER OF ISOLATED REPORTS OF STUDENT HARRASSMENT OF BOTH AMERICANS AND NON-AMERICAN FOREIGNERS, BLACK AND WHITE, FOR BEING QUOTE CIA AGENTS UNQUOTE. POLICE CONTINGENT REMAINED STATIONED CONSULATE/USIS AND CONSULS AND BPAO'S RESIDENCES AS LONG AS NEEDED.

3. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, WAS QUIET. WE RECEIVED ONE REPORT THAT POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS WERE ENBUSSING AND NOTIFIED POLICE COMMISSIONER. HE DISCOUNTED REPORT, APPARENTLY ACCURATELY. NEWS MARTALA MOHAMMED'S DEATH CIRCULATED ON CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT DAY, HOWEVER, AND CIA WIDELY HELD RESPONSIBLE AMONG STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. ACCORDING BRITISH PROFESSOR INFORMANT WE CONSIDER RELIABLE, (1) AT LEAST ONE AMCIT TEACHER PUBLICLY BACKS NOTION CIA RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTEMPTED COUP AND MOHAMMED'S DEATH; (2) NIGERIAN TEACHERS TIED THEIR OPINIONS TO AMINU KANO'S RECENT WARNING RE 3,000 QUOTE UNCONSCIOUS CIA AGENTS UNQUOTE IN NIGERIA AND/OR MINEXT AFF GARBA'S ADMONITION, PUBLISHED DAY BEFORE COUP UPON HIS RETURN FROM US, THAT NIGERIANS MUST BE ALERT TO INTERNAL SABOTAGE BECAUSE OF NIGERIA'S NEW INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY (REFERENCE TO ANTI-US POSITION ON ANGOLA); (3) FRIENDLY INDIAN PROFESSOR BLAMES

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NIGERIAN REACTION ON QUOTE (FRANK) CHURCH AND STATE (DEPT)
END QUOTE.

4. ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER REPORTED TO BPAO ON SATURDAY THAT POLICE WORRIED OVER POSSIBILITY WIDESPREAD CIVIL UNREST FOLLOWING NEWS MOHAMMED'S DEATH (BROADCAST 1230 PM). HE SAID WEEPING CROWDS GATHERING AT LOCAL MOSQUE AND MAGISTRATE'S BUILDING BEFORE BROADCAST. TRIBUNE GENERAL

MANAGER WARNED BPAO, QUOTE EXPECT THE WORST UNQUOTE.

5. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, BEGAN WITH EARLY MORNING ALERT THAT POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS MARCHING AND RIDING ALONG OYO ROAD INTO CENTER IBADAN. THEY WERE CARRYING PLACARDS ANTI-CIA, ANTI-COUP AND PRO-FMG. CONSUL CALLED POLICE COMMISSIONER, WHO SAID HE HAD PROMISE FROM STUDENTS THEY WOULD MARCH ONLY TO MOKOLA ROUNDABOUT (SEVERAL MILES FROM CONSULATE/USIS PREMISES). AT CONSUL'S URGING, HE STATIONED POLICE MOBILE FORCE AROUND OUR OFFICE BUILDINGS. SOME STUDENTS IN VEHICLES DID VIOLATE PROMISE, ACCORDING POLICE SOURCE, AND CRUISED DOWNTOWN SHOUTING AND WAVING PLACARDS, BUT WITHOUT DOING DAMAGE. BRITISH DHC WAS HARRASSED IN HIS CAR ON WAY TO OFFICE BY POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS YELLING QUOTE CIA OUT UNQUOTE WHO MISTOOK HIM FOR AMERICAN. ACCORDING LATEST RADIO REPORTS, POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS PARADED THROUGH GOVERNMENT RESERVATION AREA AND PRESENTED PETITION TO OYO STATE GOVERNOR JEMIBEWON, WHO PRAISED THEIR SUPPORT OF FMG. SPORADIC REPORTS INDICATE SITUATION AT UNIFE QUOTE TENSE UNQUOTE FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

6. COMMENT: ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS IS RUNNING HIGH ENOUGH FOR US TO ENCOURAGE AMCITS REMAIN AT HOME. OFFICIAL US PERSONNEL VISITING CONSULTE/USIS PREMISES CIRCUMSPECTLY AND DRIVING POVS. BARRING FURTHER STIMULATING DEVELOPMENTS, WE EXPECT SITUATIION TO CALM DOWN ENOUGH BY FEBRUARY 17 TO RESUME NORMAL INTERNAL ACTIVITY.. PRUDENCE DICTATES, HOWEVER, THAT USIS AND CONSULATE REMAIN CLOSED TO PUBLIC FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK.
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